

**Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada**

**Kelowna – Unit 376**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**(Meeting Recorded)**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:00 pm

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the SYLIX Okanagan Nation. May we continue to foster relationships and deeper respect for our Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

President Stephen Walters apologize for an incident that happened at the last Geneal Meeting.

Singing of “O Canada”

**SILENCE:** Moment of silence in memory for our fallen Comrades  
Act of Remembrance recited by Unit President - Stephen Walters

**RE-AFFIRMATIONS:** Unit President - Stephen Walters  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Dave Pich

**ROLL CALL:** President: Stephen Walters, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Dave Pich, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Karen Ziegler, Past President-Kathy Barber, Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Darrell Unrau, Bill Edwards, Harry Karpenski and Brigid Cawthra. Sgt @ Arms – Burpee Atkins Ron Christy - Absent

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Brigid Cawthra moved that the minutes of January 17, 2026 General Meeting, be adopted as posted. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shirley Arrell - Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**MEMBERSHIP INITIATION:** Helene Fitzgerald

Helene Fitzgerald moved the following for membership: Paul Birt, Wendy Blair, Patricia Cocks, Sandra East, Rick Galitzine, Rita Koops, Bill McGuire, Andrew Johnson, Stephen Fuhr  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Wendy Finlayson - Carried

Sgt at Arms – Burpee Atkins marched those applicants who were present up to be initiated by President – Stephen Walters. Once initiated they were escorted to the sign-in-book and then were seated.

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT: Helene Fitzgerald**  
Total members to date - 87  
4 - Life Members                      19 - Active Members  
15 - Affiliate Members                      49 - Associate Members  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Calvin Fitzgerald - Carried

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**FINANCE: Kathy Barber – Financial report up January 31, 2026**  
Operating & Shares - \$11264.08                      Welfare & Charity – \$25351.94  
Savings & Shares -     \$3333.96  
Total \$14598.04                      Commercial Loan - \$30829.70

Revenue: \$12084.25  
Expenses: \$16577.34  
Deficit:                      \$ 4493.09

**DONATIONS: Kathy Barber**  
**None at this time**

**SGT AT ARMS: Burpee Atkins**  
Nothing to report

**SPORTS: Dave Pich**  
All regular weekly events are continuing  
Okanagan Valley League Dart host by us but held in Vernon in March  
BC Prov Darts upcoming in Vernon- 4 players = 2 teams  
BC Prov Crib upcoming in May will be held in Kamloops  
Fishing Derby – Fathers Day - discussions to be continued; volunteers are needed  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Shirley Arrell - Carried

**HOUSE/GROUNDS: Henry Karpinsky**  
Jason Lowen donated 4 curb stops for parking spaces. Duct cleaning has been completed in Unit. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sue Greenhall – Carried  
Additional item brought up: Now that we own the building, we need to change our insurance policy and one of the requirements is that our back door which is currently wood needs to be a metal slab. Harry Karpinski motions that we allocation up to \$1500.00 for door replacement and motion amended to not to exceed \$1500.00     2<sup>nd</sup> - Phyliss Walters - Carried

**ENTERTAINMENT Karen Ziegler**

Friday Karaoke going well; Sunday bingo is holding their own  
Superbowl Party - Sunday Feb 8 with a decent turnout. Chilli was made by Harry and Darlene Karpinsky, and it was delicious. Taco chips and nacho dip.  
Thursday afternoon Jam is doing pretty good; fun is had by everyone  
Saturday - Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Dance with Glory Days – another Sold Out event!  
Saturday – Mar 28<sup>th</sup>- Dinner and Dance with Ian Stewart a gifted musician who does a solo act but has also played with other musicians and has played at the Opry. I doubt anyone will be disappointed. Tickets on sale soon. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Marianne Belland - Carried

**WAYS AND MEANS: Karen Ziegler**

Karen has resumed the chair of this position  
Meat draws going well.  
Looking at the meat draw invoice; bacon seems to be the pricey item. I am going to ask them to only give it to us once every 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Also going to look at the other Meat Draw packages as we seem to be getting a lot of pork. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike Gagne - Carried

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**WAYS AND MEANS con't:** Discussion about increasing our Meat Draw weekly limit to \$650, this is tabled until next meeting so that we can get the numbers of how much we are making to pay the bills.

**DVA/SICK AND VISITING: Bill Edwards**

Nothing to report, please ensure Bill Edwards phone number is on Website

**PUBLICITY: Stephen Walters**

ANAF376.ca - website if full operational and up to date.  
GM meetings minutes are posted on website  
Lots of comments and hits on website.

**BY LAWS: Darrell Unrau**

Revision of bylaw submitted to BC Command – no response yet  
I have been reviewing our bylaws and comparing to BC Command and Dominion Command bylaws, have not seen any red flags yet. Anyone with suggestions or changes please let me know. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Darlene Mann - Carried

**LADIES AUXILLIARY: Wendy Finlayson**

Ladies Auxiliary meeting was held on February 18th 2026. The following items were discussed:  
- Current membership stands 34 Regular member and 2 Life members.

- 1 initiation were performed.
- 4 Life Memberships are pending and hoping to have a response from Dominion by Convention.
- Volunteers are always requested for kitchen duty and meat draws.
- Anyone willing to help out in Kitchen would very much appreciated by the Auxiliary. Contributions by all for Bake Sale being held on February 28<sup>th</sup> will be greatly appreciated.
- Birthday celebration is happening on March 7th, and we will be providing cake, tea and coffee.
- Convention preparations are in progress and Delegates and Alternate has been established. Wendy Finlayson, Phyllis Walters and Bev Kiche will be attending representing the Ladies Auxiliary. Anyone willing to donate items to fill baskets for draw would be appreciated.
- Interior Health Certification was approved for the kitchen
- Toonie toss at the Valentine's Day Dance in was a success and appreciation to all those who participated.
- Anyone can help & donate we welcome all !

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time

**NEW BUSINESS:** **President Stephen Walters** - New Lawyer on case. More information to follow in regard to roofing issue.  
 Kathy Gunderson - Honorary Member will check with BC Command  
 BC Command has issued a letter in regard to Licenses and BCLC Compliance. This information is tabled until next meeting so that Brigid can find the correct information and will bring back to the Executive Committee and General Membership.

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**GOOD AND WELFARE:** None

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Next General Meeting - Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm

**THE KING – CHARLES III**

*Brigid Outhwaite*

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Stephen Walters - President

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Brigid Cawthra - Recording Secretary